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This is in response to the final Office Action mailed on June 18, 2004, in which claims 2, 6, 12, 13, 28 and 30-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), claims 7/6/2, 8/7/6/2, 9/7/6/2 and 10/9/7/6/2 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, and claims 3-5, 6/3, 7/6/3, 8/7/6/3, 9/7/6/3, 10/9/7/6/3, 12/14, 14-17, 19-27 and 29 were allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's allowance of claims 3-5, 6/3, 7/6/3, 8/7/6/3, 9/7/6/3, 10/9/7/6/3, 12/14, 14-17, 19-27 and 29, as well as the indication that claims 7/6/2, 8/7/6/2, 9/7/6/2 and 10/9/7/6/2 contain allowable subject matter, is gratefully acknowledged.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2, 6, 12, 13 and 30-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smeenge et al. (USP 4,616,798) in view of Martin (USP 5,655,743). Claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smeenge et al. in view of Martin, and in further view of Meier et al. (USP 5,830,552).